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Special Announcement

We have engaged the services of Mrs. Rosa Lee King (who is an authority on all kinds of Art Needlework) to assist Miss Marie Koch in our Art Department.

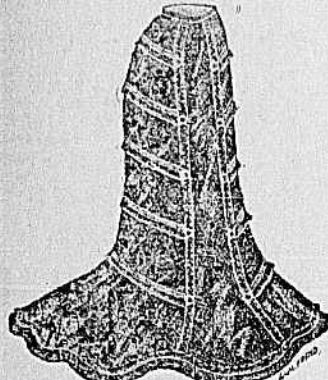
Mrs. King is known to many ladies in Richmond, having taught classes both here and at the Virginia Springs at various times, and is fully qualified to give helpful instructions and suggestions in all kinds of Fancy Work.

She will be at your service at all times in this department, and doubtless her superior knowledge and skill in Lace-Making and Needlework will be fully appreciated by the women of Richmond.

We are making a specialty of designing Shirtwaist Suits this season.

The New Silk Dress Skirts for 1903

There's a swish and rustle in a Silk Skirt that is dear to the heart of every woman, and as the capital of the fashion world has said that Silk is to be the Queen of Dress Fabrics this year, we prepared ourselves to meet the demand.



\$8.98 for an all-silk Taffeta Skirt. Entire top perpendicularly tucked, and the bottom of the garment made of Black Net, over which run three rows of Waived Taffeta.

Percaline drop skirt.

\$10.98 for an all-silk Peau De Soie Skirt, made in the same style as the Taffeta Skirt, except the bottom is trimmed with braid instead of Taffeta. This skirt is an especially good value at \$10.98.

The illustration shows you exactly how our Unlined Tailor-Made Peau de Soie Skirt for \$13.50 looks. Notice the pretty star medallions with which it is finished.

It's one of the best values in a silk dress skirt for any occasion that we know of. We can furnish this same skirt with a drop silk petticoat for \$21.50.

The window exhibition will give you a good idea as to how they look.

Dainty Silk Shirtwaists for Spring

One big store in the north advertises their Spring Shirtwaists as "beguiling."

We've seen their waists—and they certainly are exquisite creations of the waist-makers' skill—every one of them—and yet our prices for the same styles and qualities are lower than those of the metropolitan store.

We'd rather not "beguile" you into anything. The beautiful waists in the show windows and in the waist department are silent but strong witnesses to their own worth.

Heavy all-silk Taffeta Waist—hemstitched and tucked, and correct in fit and make, \$28.98.

White, Navy, Black and Reseda.

PEAU DE CYGNE Waist—accompanying, newest collar and sleeve; entirely tucked, and made with little white tabs, \$5.98.

PEAU DE SOIE Waist, finely tailored, corded and tucked in various colored stitching that forms a pretty contrasted effect, \$7.98.

TAFFETA Waist with a large sailor collar of applique net. Front and back of the waist made with accordion pleating, \$10.00.

PEAU DE SOIE Waist, box-pleated, trimmed in lace to form a bolero effect.

One of the dressiest waists at any price, \$12.50.

There was a very brief debate over this matter. Mr. Guist consented to have the whole matter recommitted to the Finance Committee, and it took that course. During the very short debate some one raised a point of order, and President Turpin at once ruled upon it. "You didn't wait till the point of order was stated," said an alderman.

"Oh, I am a mind-reader on this occasion," replied Mr. Turpin.

MR. JONES' BILL.

When the report from the Committee on Police, Elections and Schools to pay P. P. Jones, commonly called "Sugar Bottom" Jones, \$1 for services which he had not rendered, as head of the guard against the people of Richmond, came up for consideration, Mr. Jones, who was present, said: "Squire Jones is now at the Soldiers' Home. He has a family dependent upon him for support."

Mr. Gordon opposed the passage of the bill, and made a strong speech against paying employees of the city for time lost by sickness or for time lost for other causes. Mr. Gordon, in that plain, practical way that he has of presenting matters, said he did not oppose this proposed bill except upon a matter of principle. He thought it would be setting a bad precedent. When once begun, no one could foresee where it would end. In opposing this proposed appropriation he was doing only what he regarded as his duty to the people of Richmond.

Mr. Allen spoke along the same lines. "The gentleman mentioned in the resolution has been and is now my personal and political friend," said he. "I will go as far as any one in aiding him or his family. But we must stop and consider that it is proposed to appropriate public money and not our individual money. We must, or should, bear in mind that the precedent set a precedent that would be injurious to the best interests of the city."

By a vote of two to sixteen Mr. Washington's motion to suspend the rules was defeated, and the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The ordinance granting the Treadwell Company certain privileges was concurred in.

THE ARMATAGE REBATE.

There was a spicy, rough, roll and tumble debate over the proposition to allow the Armatage Manufacturing Company a rebate of ten per cent. on its accounts with the city.

There was no one who could explain very clearly just what the proposed rebate was for.

"Why is this very indefinite proposition offered from the Light Committee?" asked Mr. Guist.

Mr. Gilman and Mr. Washer told of the water found in the tar contracted for, but both gentlemen were not fortified with facts to sustain their position. They conceded that Superintendent Knowles had ordered that there was water in the tar. Mr. Guist, seeing his advantage, followed it up, and said that while he was a warm personal friend of the superintendent of the gas works, he was unwilling to set the precedent of allowing the superintendent to grant such a rebate hereafter, as was proposed in this resolution, without reference to the Light Committee.

Mr. Hall took the same view of the matter, and the resolution was referred to the committee on Finance.

MEMORIAL TO MISS YAGER.

The resolution appropriating the sum of \$250 for a memorial to be erected to the late Miss Robbie Yager, who died from an illness contracted while nursing a patient at the almshouse, was unanimously concurred in.

The Board refused to concur in the resolution authorizing the Committee on Grounds and Buildings to lease Scarborough's Warehouse for a term of years. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Allen thought that leases of such valuable property should be approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor. The ordinance was amended along this line and was passed.

By a vote of only six votes the Board voted favorably upon the proposition to provide in the budget a sum not exceeding \$50 a year per number for transporting members of the Council over the street-car lines of the city. Those who voted in the negative were Messrs. Allen, Gordon, Guist, Hull, Sheppard and Satterfield.

Under a suspension of the rules the Finance Committee was authorized, if needed be, to borrow \$100,000 to meet the running expenses of the city until the next budget is made up.

A few other matters of no general interest were disposed of and the Board adjourned.

NEEDS OF THE POOR

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hoping for the improvement of all these, and would gladly welcome a body whose sole aim was to bring about the object of one of these three wishes.

CAPTAIN VAWTER SPEAKS.

Captain Vawter, superintendent of the Miller Manual Labor School, was asked to respond to the cordial speech of the Governor. He delivered an admirable address, full of earnestness. Captain Vawter believes, first, last and always, in the power of love as a means of rearing and training children. He declares that none have had more experience than he in "raising" children, and he had never seen a child yet that could not be conquered by love. This was the best way to reform and correct them. He thought that the main object of all penal institutions should be reformation and training rather than punishment. Very frequently the fine sentiments of the speaker brought forth warm applause.

President Gilliam announced the working committee of the body, as follows: Committee on Resolutions—Messrs. John L. Roper, Norfolk; W. S. Copeland, Richmond; Mrs. W. R. McKenny, Petersburg; L. J. Hyslop, Accomac, and B. W. Arnold, Bedford City.

Nominating Committee—Messrs. J. T. Mastin, Richmond; James L. Tredway, Pittsylvania; Mrs. E. W. Bissell, J. W. Richardson, Smyth county; C. T. Lassiter, Petersburg.

REPORT OF DR. PILCHER.

The report of Dr. Pilcher, which followed, was received with almost breathless attention. It was the condition of those in the poorhouses and jails of the country districts that most need the attention of the conference. The paper represented the work of the committee on Charitable and Penal Institutions of the counties. It was prepared with much care and every effort was used to get the data from the counties. Information more of a general character obtained from poorhouses in fifty-seven counties and jails of sixty-two. Here are samples of the reports received from various counties:

Richmond county owns a poorhouse and farm, but finds it more economical to pay for the care of its poor than to maintain the poorhouse. If a pauper is merely infirm from age, we pay some one in the county to take care of him, but if the pauper is sick and requires medical care, and medical attention, we arrange with the Infirmary of Alexandria city to care for him for \$15 a month.

The committee adds: "We regard this plan as worthy of praise and imitation."

A report of a different character comes from Bland county. It reads: "Bland county has no poorhouse and hires a superintendent to keep the paupers. The superintendent's salary is \$100 per annum, and he is paid \$2.70 per month for board for keeping them."

I understand they have poor accommodations and that white and colored are kept together."

From James City county comes the report that "the poor are looked after by a superintendent of the county and an overseer for each district in the county. They are cared for at their homes or boarded with friends." The committee says of this: "It is an ideal system, which we heartily commend."

According to the information possible to get, the committee found that there are "aggregate in the poorhouses of 23 white insane, seven white epileptics, eight colored epileptics, 21 white idiots and ten colored idiots."

TERRIBLE NEGLECT.

This interesting report comes from Russell county:

"The principle of humanity, to say nothing of Christianity, are not maintained as they should be in the institution referred to. Our authorities appropriate \$2,000 per annum for the care of our paupers, as well as the proceeds of the poor farm. But by mismanagement and neglect, the good that is comparatively is accomplished. Our county is full of worthy, honorable poor persons, who suffer for the necessities of living rather than go to a poorhouse wretchedly kept and managed. In the name of God and in the interest of humanity, if your organization can do anything to remedy the present evils growing out of the careless management of poorhouse farms, do petition the Legislature to look into the matter."

The report, but a small part of which can be given here, is regarded as one of the most interesting ever received by the body.

Mr. Brackett, of Baltimore, made a capital address. He sketched the beginnings and growth of such charitable institutions as this and likened them to a great newspaper or newspaper, which ever radiates with uplifting sentiments. A great work was ready and waiting to be done, and the action of such organization was two-fold. The persons entertaining the loving and helpful sentiments towards the unfortunate were enabled and educated in their finer senses, themselves.

Dr. Wines was introduced by Captain Vawter and made a fine impression, speaking a few minutes.

Mr. J. S. Steward, of Annapolis, made a report for the committee on Armies, stating that the headquarters had been established at The Times-Dispatch building, where a competent man would aid the delegates in every possible manner.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The programme for to-day is given here:

10:15 A. M. Business session. Reports of committees, etc.

10:30 A. M. Call to order.

Prayer by Rev. R. P. Kerr, D. D. Secretary, "Shenandoah Valley State Board of Charities."

Address: Rev. Frederick H. Wines, J. T. D. Washington, D. C. Discussed by Messrs. James L. Tredway, Rev. William Maule Clark, Captain Charles E. Vawter, Hon. S. P. Waddell and others.

Visit to Loretto Training School for the Feeble-minded.

Prayer by Rev. E. B. Evans, D. D. Report of Nominating Committee.

Report of members for next conference. Subject: "State Care of the Feeble-minded."

Address: Martin L. Barr, M. D., superintendent of School for Feeble-minded, Bryn, Pa.

Papers: Miss Eva A. Robinson, principal of Loretto Training School; Miss Mattie F. Gundry, principal of School for Feeble-minded Children, Falls Church, Va.; Dr. Massie, Levy, Hazen and Hedges.

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Charles Hutzler, W. C. Camp, John W. Cringan, Reformatory.

Mrs. E. P. Valentine, Needle Work Guild.

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Mrs. George W. Bagby, Lee Mission.

Mr. Alex Black, Mrs. Lizzie K. Black, Rev. D. J. Woods, Blacksburg, Va.

Dr. A. W. Ely, R. R. Allen, John B. Primers, Suffolk, Va.

Mr. C. C. Tallaferro, Mrs. T. H. Stewart, Mrs. C. M. Portman, Roanoke, Va.

George Cameron, Jr., Walter N. Jones, Dr. E. W. Finch, Petersburg, Va.

R. M. Smith, Rev. H. T. Loutham, Rev. E. A. Potts, H. S. Bird, W. C. Johnst, Dr. E. W. Washington, Williamsburg, Va.

D. O. Davis, W. S. Copeland, L. T. Christian, Male Orphanage Asylum.

Mrs. W. F. Richardson, Mrs. T. Crawford, Mrs. B. T. McCue, Retreat for the Sick.

Miss Emily Harvie, Mrs. J. Goodnow, Miss Annie Christian, Female Humane Association.

Marx Gunst, Josiah Ryland, John M. Higgins, City of Richmond.

Isaac Held, Hebrew Home for the Aged and Infirm.

Rev. S. S. Hepburn, Olivia postoffice, Hanover county.

Professor R. E. Blackwell, Ashland, Hanover county.

George Smith, Atlas, Hanover county.

Hon. W. W. George, Colonel John Home.

W. Richardson, L. L. Scherer, Smyth county.

D. D. Cardwell, Dr. B. S. Winston, Colored Reformatory.

R. P. Valentine, C. H. Walker, W. T. Martin, Charlottesville, Va.

Mrs. John Southall, Mrs. George L. King, Miss Annie Boykin, Sheltering Arms Hospital.

Mrs. W. D. Barton, Mrs. J. O. Ridge, Mrs. H. C. Bondar, St. Ann's Reformatory.

Mrs. A. M. Reddy, Mrs. A. J. Peyle, Mrs. Pearl Bodeker, Home of the Confederate Women.

Dr. R. S. Perry, Woodrow, Va.

Social and Personal

The social event of to-day will be the reception at the Executive Mansion from 9 to 12 P. M.

This will be the first large entertainment held since the Mansion has been thoroughly renovated and improved, every room being now in such perfect order and such artistic dress and furnishings that the hosts and guests alike must feel the inspiration of the change. Handsome draperies and decorations in palms, pink roses and American beauties will be in keeping with the spacious rooms and the hosts and guests alike must feel the inspiration of the change. Handsome draperies and decorations in palms, pink roses and American beauties will be in keeping with the spacious rooms and the hosts and guests alike must feel the inspiration of the change.

Out-of-town members of the staff, all of whom, with their wives, are invited to receive with Governor and Mrs. Montague include Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., of Danville; Colonel E. E. Holland, of Nansemond county; Colonel L. W. Lane, Jr., of James City county; Colonel Henry C. Easley, of Halifax county; Colonel N. L. Ingram, of Loudoun county; Colonel Henry H. Baker, of Frederick county; Colonel James C. Watson, Jr., of Washington county; Colonel St. John C. Goode, Colonel Henry M. Johns, Colonel Sidney Shelton, Colonel John Saunders and Colonel Howard H. Wayt.

Others receiving with the Governor and his wife will be Colonel and Mrs. Barton H. Grundy, Colonel and Mrs. John S. Jarvis, Colonel and Mrs. George E. Williams, Colonel and Mrs. Mann S. Valentine, Colonel and Mrs. Hunt Chipley, Mrs. Eppa Hinton, Jr., Mrs. Charles T. O'Fallon, Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, Mrs. James Keith, Mrs. George M. Harrison, Mrs. Janet Carter Hoskins, Mrs. William Todd, Mrs. Robins, Mrs. Lou Seawell, of Gloucester, and Mrs. H. O. Humphries, of Bedford county, Va.

An orchestra will play during reception hours.

Mrs. Roselle Clifton Cooley, the president of the Florida Division, Daughters of the Confederacy, and director of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, and Mrs. Francis P. Fleming, regent of the Florida room of the Confederate Museum, have sent out the following appeal with the Richmond circular throughout the State of Florida in behalf of the Confederate Bazaar:

"We desire to call your attention most earnestly to the enclosed circular. The women of Richmond are at work, heart and soul, for this bazaar, to be held in April. We hope and believe it will be the final effort for the Jefferson Davis arch, and a portion of the proceeds will be for the Confederate Museum at Richmond, and Florida has never been able to do for her home as other States have done. Here is an opportunity for every one of the six hundred girls in Florida to send some articles to the bazaar and to induce one or more friends to send. Let us make one great effort, culminate the 'Davis Arch' and aid the Florida room at the Museum."

"We ask the aid of every Southern man, woman and child in Florida."

Women's Meetings.

The committee for the South Carolina table of the Confederate Bazaar will meet this morning at 11:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. John L. Eubank, No. 38 East Grace Street.

All members of the Rebekah Bazaar Memorial Association are asked to attend a meeting to be held in No. 11 West Grace Street at noon to-day.

The Central Committee, composed of chairmen of the different Confederate Bazaar tables, will meet in Lee Camp Hall at 11 o'clock to-morrow, just one hour earlier than the Bazaar Association which will assemble at noon.

Whist Tournament.

A number of tables have been engaged for the whist tournament to take place in the Woman's Club Friday evening at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Kentucky table in the Confederate Bazaar. From the present outlook it would seem that the number who will engage in the tournament will be represented by a large and congenial gathering from the society ranks of Richmond.

Progressive euchre will take the form of a Valentine card party to be given under the direction of Mrs. D. C. Richardson, February 13th. In the old Van Brice mansion, now the Virginia Club, from 8:30 to 10 P. M.

The party is in behalf of the Georgia table at the bazaar, of which Mrs. M. E. Snellings is chairman. The accessories of the game in score cards and markers will all carry out the Valentine color scheme.

The prettiest young girls of East-End society, with their friends, will make the parlors of the club irresistibly bright and attractive.

Boxley-Saunders.

Miss Willie Maria Saunders and Mr. William Boxley were married at 8:30 P. M. last evening in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Everett Waldey, of No. 24 West Grace Street, by the Rev. John V. Dorman, of All-Saints' Episcopal Church.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. David W. Saunders. Her two nieces, Misses Caroline and Margaret Waldey, were ribbon holders, and Miss Helen Waldey was maid of honor.

The groom was attended by Mr. F. Mansfield Boxley, of Louisa county, Va. He and his bride will take an extended Southern tour, returning temporarily to Huntington, W. Va., where Mr. Boxley, who is a contractor, is at present located, and Mrs. Boxley both belong to prominent Louisville families, and both are well known and very popular in Richmond.

Prospective Parties.

Miss Elsie Boshor will entertain her friends at cards next Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Miss Mary Day Winn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Winn, and Miss Mary Saunders, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Jr., will both be young hostesses of Friday next.

Mrs. Clay Drewry, Jr., will entertain the Young Married Ladies' Card Club this week.

The committee of the Tennessee table will meet with the chairman, Mrs. W. R. Vawter, in Lee Camp Hall at 11 o'clock to-day.

Personal Mention.

Saint Valentine's shrine will be heaped with votive offerings and his memory will be duly honored in the celebration to be given on the evening of February 14th under the direction of Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

The entertainment will be given for the benefit of the South Carolina table in the Confederate Bazaar, and the ladies directing it will exercise much ingenuity in devising pleasant surprises for their guests.

W. L. DOUGLAS
\$3.50 SHOE UNION MADE
Men's \$5 Shoes for \$3.50

W. L. Douglas makes and sells more men's good quality work (hand sewed process) shoes than any other manufacturer in the world.

\$25,000 REWARD will be paid to anyone who can prove to the satisfaction of the W. L. Douglas Shoe Company that a man has purchased a pair of W. L. Douglas shoes at a lower cost than any other concern, which enables him to sell a shoe for \$3.50 equal in every way to those sold elsewhere for \$5.00.

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The best imported and American leathers, Heyl's Patent Calf, Enamel, Box Calf, Calf, Vici Kid, Goat, and National Kangaroo. Fast Color Eyelets used exclusively.

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give a Confederate tea for the benefit of the Solid South table of the Confederate Bazaar, which will be a very well affair, indeed.

Mrs. Norman Randolph, who is with Miss Clelland Randolph in Dr. Fry's Sanitarium, Washington, D. C., will probably be there for several weeks longer. Miss Clelland is improving, as her friends will be glad to hear.

Miss Annie Patterson, of New York, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Charles Davenport.

Mrs. James R. Hubard, of No. 24 E. Va. who was the guest of Mrs. J. Taylor Blyden, who was here and received a great amount of social attention during her visit to Richmond, has left for home.

Miss Lillian Kellam, of Northampton county, was an out-of-town visitor at the Woman's Club Monday afternoon.

Browning's "Death in the Desert" will be the subject of Miss Amey's reading this evening before the ladies who meet every week at the home of Mrs. W. A. Chambers, West Grace Street. During the past two weeks they have had presented to them by exposition and reading "Tennyson's In Memoriam."

Miss Lucy Nelson Tallaferro, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Tallaferro, who has been in the city for the past week, is now much improved.

Mrs. Permelia C. Saunders, of "Elmwood," Louisa county, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Everett Waldey, at No. 315 West Grace Street.

Mrs. Reinhardt and Miss Reinhardt, of Plainfield, N. J., are the guests of friends in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Anderson and Mr. Rutherford Rose are among the number of Richmond people who are contemplating a joyous Mardi Gras festival in New Orleans. Their return trip will probably take in Palm Beach and St. Augustine, Fla., and Augusta, Ga., where one of the most charming of Southern resorts, the Bon Air Hotel, is situated.

Mrs. Tull, of Baltimore, is spending some time in Richmond during the convention of painters and decorators.

Mrs. R. Levenstein gave an entertainment in honor of her son, Mr. Jacob Levenstein, who, with his bride, has just returned from a Northern bridal tour. The reception was followed by a supper.

Thursday will be the Bostock benefit day for the Mason